

Project Proposal

Proposal Title: Morris Ranch Phase II

Proposal Number: 1504

DWR Region: Northern Region

Lead Agency: NRCS

County: Box Elder

Project Manager: Steven Wilcox

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Regional Priority: Within Focus Area

Project Type: Terrestrial Habitat

Proposed Start Date: 8/1/2009

Project Location: Dove Creek, Utah

Project Description: 450 acres were bulldozed in 2008, phase two is to bulldoze another +/- 600 acres. Junipers will be dozed, slash piles burned, and seed will be drilled.

Description of Problem/Need: Due to juniper encroachment, the area has become overrun with juniper. The understory is very sparse and wildlife value is at a minimum. By removing the juniper, wildlife value can be increased.

Objectives: restore mule deer and sage grouse habitat

Relevance to Strategic Plans: This project will help meet the needs of the WAP in regards to mule deer and sage grouse habitat. It will also help fulfill requirements of the Box Elder Local working group (BARM) and the local fire plan by reducing fire danger in the area by reducing fuels.

Potential Risks: Increased fire danger and loss of mule deer habitat.

Proposed Methods: Junipers will be pushed with a bulldozer. Trees will be pushed into slash pile and burned. When area is sufficiently opened the treatment area will be seeded with a rangeland drill.

Shapefile Name: HPD 2010\GIS Proposals\NR\1504.shp

Seed Source: GBRC

UPCD Reg Team Coord Date:

**Proposed
NEPA Action:**

**Proposed
Arch Action:**

☐ **Vegetation Monitoring** ☐ **Wildlife Monitoring**

**Monitoring
Information:**

**Grazing
Management:**

SPECIES BENEFITING

Shrubsteppe Birds

Mule Deer

Greater Sage-grouse

Raptors

LAND OWNERSHIP

Owner	Acres
Private	798
Total	798

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PROPOSED FUNDING

Source	Amount Requested	Date Approved	Amount Approved
Unfunded Balance	\$50,000.00		\$0.00
EQIP	\$0.00		\$30,000.00
Private	\$30,000.00		\$0.00
EQIP	\$0.00		\$13,000.00
Totals	\$80,000.00		\$43,000.00

PROPOSED BUDGET

Item	Description	DWR Account	Partner Contrib.
Seed (GBRC)	purchase of seed from GBRC	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Contractual Services	EQIP cost-share for juniper removal	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Contractual Services	Landowner cost-share for juniper removal	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Other	EQIP incentives for prescribed grazing	\$0.00	\$13,000.00
	Totals	\$50,000.00	\$73,000.00

Project Map:

